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TAP
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STEP
GLANCE
HA
HA
HA
PITTER-
PATTER
SLAM
BONK!
IT'S LATE

Ah... er... Water...
Just getting some-
IS THAT SO? THEN I'LL HAVE ONE OF MY MEN FETCH IT
PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR ROOM
OKAY?
SMILE
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING,
MISS STUNT DOUBLE?
LOOK, IT'S TRUE THAT I INSTIGATED IT, BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT WAS KIND OF POOR PLANNING?
I told you it was impossible...!
WELL, I COULDN'T HELP IT...
SO THAT WAS
WHAT HAPPENED IN LAST NIGHT'S ESCAPE (ATTEMPT)?

I'VE EVEN BECOME AFRAID OF "GIVING UP" ITSELF
I WAS TOO NERVOUS AND SCARED TO THINK STRAIGHT!
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT CAN'T BE HELPED, I STILL FEEL GUILTY
AND IF I LET MY CURRENT CHANCES SLIP AWAY, IT'LL KEEP HAPPENING FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
SINCE LUCE-SAN KEPT SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT
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WHEN I THINK ABOUT THAT
FOR NOW, I JUST TESTED WHAT I COULD...
I GET SCARED OF DOING NOTHING
OH, YOU WERE IN SATOKI'S ROOM
COULD I HAVE A MOMENT?
IT'S ABOUT TOMORROW'S PLANS...
OH
WE'RE BEING CALLED
LET'S GO

HAVING THIS FEELING FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE WOULD BE TOO PAINFUL...!
YAWN
YOUR HIGHNESS!
SOME-THING... ANYTHING IS FINE AS LONG AS IT'S SOME-THING
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A SENSE OF PURPOSE LIKE A MANGA CHARACTER, SO I'M NOT GOING TO GO RISKING MY LIFE, BUT...
IT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE TO BE USEFUL OR PRODUCTIVE, I JUST HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
OR I'LL GET TOO SCARED AND ANXIOUS
YES, THEY SHOULD, BUT THERE ARE NUMEROUS EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS...
HOW CAN THAT BE? THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN SURROUNDED IN THAT OTHER AREA...
AH!
UH, NEVER-MIND
IN ANY CASE, SEND THE TROOPS-
LET'S CONTINUE THIS CONVERSA-TION IN MY ROOM
SOME-THING I CAN DO...
SOME-THING...
HMM...
SOME-THING THE MATTER?
IT SEEMS THAT
THE HOLY MAIDEN'S PARTY HAS APPEARED IN THE AREA NEAR THE CASTLE

AND THE NPC WHO FINDS THIS ALL OUT BEFOREHAND HAS THE DUTY OF...
TH...
THIS IS IT!!!
TENDOU-SAN IS IN THE CAPITAL, AND NETIKA-SAMA IS TRYING TO CAPTURE HER!
DISTRACTING THE GUARDS!!!
HE STILL DOESN'T HAVE CONTROL OVER THE CAPITAL'S SOLDIERS BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE KNIGHTS, SO WITH THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPPOSING THAT HE WANTS TO USE HIS OWN SUBORDINATES TO CAPTURE THEM, THE PURSUING PARTY WILL MAINLY CONSIST OF THE ROYAL GUARD--HOWEVER, IF I RUN AWAY AT THE SAME TIME, AND ME BEING SPECIAL AND SUPER SECRET, ONLY THE ROYAL GUARD CAN BE SENT AFTER ME, AND HE'LL HAVE TO SPARE SOME OF THE GUARDS FROM THE PARTY THAT'S BEING SENT TO CAPTURE TENDOU-SAN'S PARTY!
IN OTHER WORDS
3 SECONDS' THOUGHT
AND AT THE VERY LEAST, I CAN REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF DANGER THREATENING TENDOU-SAN'S LIFE!!!
WOOARRGHHH! FOLLOW ME!!!
WE HAVE TO CATCH HER SECRETLY !!!
IS THIS REALLY OKAY TO DO?
WE CAN ESCAPE !!!
SATOKI'S MENTAL BATTLE PLAN
I CAN SPLIT THE ROYAL GUARDS PURSUING THEM
IF I CAN RUN AWAY RIGHT NOW
AN ORDER'S AN ORDER

OR I'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
BEAT
SORRY
SOME-THING'S COME UP
WE'LL CONTINUE WHEN I RETURN
BEAT
BEAT
IT'S NOW OR NEVER
I HAVE TO DO THIS NOW
I CAN'T LET THEM FIND OUT ABOUT MY PLAN UNTIL I CARRY IT OUT
THE POINT IS TO RUN AWAY FOR AS LONG AS I CAN... AND FOR THAT REASON
STEP
STEP
BOTH OF YOU PLEASE STAY HERE, OK?
BEAT
ONCE THE PRINCE LEAVES AND FOCUSES ON THAT AREA, I'LL CARRY OUT A SURPRISE ATTACK
STEP
KEEP A POKER FACE...
SNEAK...
STEP
BEAT
BEAT
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT... THIS WILL ONLY BE MY FIRST REAL ESCAPE ATTEMPT, SO EVEN IF I GET CAUGHT, I DON'T THINK THEY'LL KILL ME...!
MAYBE THEY'LL LET ME OFF WITH A WARNING
THAT'LL GO FINE--NO, EVEN IF I FAIL, IT WILL BE OKAY--AFTER THAT, I CAN GIVE UP... SO LET ME AT LEAST...
STEP

JUST THIS ONCE-
BAM
SLAM
OOOOWWWWW!!!
CRUSHING BLOW
WHA...!
SOUND OF THE LOCK
CLICK
PLEASE WAIT HERE, OKAY?
REPEAT
TH...
AH, GEEZ
DID IT
RATTLE
THEY KNEEEWW!!!

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW? A PINCH IS A PINCH...
AND TENDOU-SAN'S IN ONE
BUT TRYING TO ESCAPE EVEN AFTER BEING SEEN THROUGH IS JUST ASKING FOR A BEATING...
I'M ACTUALLY THINKING "IT'S ALL OVER BEFORE I HAD TO DO ANYTHING." I'M SO...
PHEW
AWWWW! SEE? I KNEW IT'D TURN OUT LIKE THIS!
IN THE END, I CAN NEVER DO ANYTHING...
BUT- WHILE I SAY THAT

AREN'T I THE ONLY ONE IN THIS ROOM?
THAT BEAUTIFUL VOICE JUST NOW...
SO THEY LOCKED THE DOOR AND LEFT, HUH? THAT'S CONVENIENT
GOING THAT FAR IS A LITTLE MUCH...
CLICK
DON'T WORRY, THE "HOLY MAIDEN'S PARTY" THEY MENTIONED IS A FAKE. HARUKA IS ACTUALLY WAITING WITH ROSWALD IN THE EASTERN DIRECTION.
WHAT? OH, IS THAT SO? WELL THEN, THANK GOOD-

SORRY I'M LATE
SOME-ONE TOLD US ABOUT THIS HIDDEN PASSAGE
STEP
YES, SIR
LEARY, CHECK HER OUT
I COULDN'T USE MAGIC BECAUSE OF THE PRINCE, SO IT WAS TOUGH
AHH, I'M EXHAUSTED
WE COULDN'T COME RIGHT AWAY, BUT WE'RE HERE NOW TO RESCUE YOU
FIRST GIVE ME A REPORT ON THE SITUATION, THEN I'LL DECIDE ON WHAT WE'LL DO FROM HERE ON
YOU DID HIT YOUR NOSE, THOUGH
SHE HAS NO INJURIES AS FAR AS I CAN SEE
YOU'RE THE OBEDIENT TYPE, SO THAT PROBABLY PAID OFF, RIGHT?

BUT WHY?
Excuse me?
SO ABOUT THIS MOCK HOLY MAIDEN-
UM...
YES, WHAT OF IT?
WHEN YOU SAY "RESCUE", ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?
THOSE PEOPLE'S LIVES WERE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, YOU KNOW?
WE HAD TO PRIORITIZE, SO WE LEFT UNTIL THINGS CALMED DOWN. THEN WE CAME BACK
THEIR PARTY DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE WHO COULD USE MAGIC EITHER
IDIOT
S-SCARY
WELL, I MEAN... MASTER, I THOUGHT YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE WERE HEADING OVER TO TENDOU-SAN...
WELL, YES, WE WENT AND THEN WE CAME BACK
WE COULDN'T HELP IT

BUT IN THE MOMENT, I BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULDN'T KILL YOU
SO I'M SORRY THAT IT TOOK ME SO LONG TO COME HELP YOU
BUT, WELL, THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW YOUR SITUATION WAS ME
DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH YOU GUYS
WHOA
HEY! GET IT TOGETHER AND COME OVER HERE OR THEY'LL HEAR YOU
THAT'S YOUR AND KUSHA'S WAY OF THINKING!
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, I DON'T DISCRIMINATE BASED ON PERSONAL APPEARANCE, OKAY?
THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAT?
SO IT WAS JUST THE DANGER TO OUR LIVES...
YOU SEEM LIKE A REALLY SMART GUY, SO FROM NOW ON CAN YOU SMOOTH THINGS OVER SOMEHOW FOR ME? CAN YOU? THAT WOULD BE GREAT!
SATOKI'S THOUGHTS AT THE TIME
IF I HADN'T, YOU WOULD HAVE BECOME COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON ME
OOF
CAN'T DENY
THAT'S WHY I-
EARLIER YOU SAID I HAD TO TAKE FULL RESPONSI-BILITY FOR EVERYTHING, DIDN'T YOU?!
YEAH, SO WHAT?
IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE FATE OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY COULD BE RIDING ON THIS PROBLEM, YOU KNOW!
NO WAY COULD I LEAVE IT ALONE
B-BUT!
JUMP

WHAT?
YOU WERE TRYING TO DO SOME-THING ON YOUR OWN?
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF SO HARD!
N-NO
I WASN'T THINKING OF DOING THAT MUCH
SINCE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
I JUST FIGURED THAT IT WAS MY OWN FAULT THAT THIS ALL HAPPENED IN THE FIRST PLACE, SO GETTING RESCUED...
NEVER CROSSED MY MIND...
MURMUR
YOUR OWN FAULT?
ANYWAY, I BET YOU WERE JUST WAITING TO SAY THAT YOU COULDN'T DO ANYTHING
LITTLE GIRL
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING IN THIS SITUATION. YOUR OPPONENT IS THE ROYAL FAMILY, YOU KNOW?
COMPARED TO THEM, YOU'RE JUST AN INEXPERIENCED AND CLUMSY...
HOW CONCEITED
CON-...!
SHOCK
THAT MOCK HOLY MAIDEN
THEN, LET'S RETURN TO THE TOPIC AT HAND
HEY, YOU SATISFIED? NOW YOU UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION, RIGHT?
OF COURSE WE'D COME SAVE YOU
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

...OH
STAND
JOLT
WIPE, WIPE

Ah, I can't do this
My voice is all quavery...
Unghh-
IT WON'T STOP!
IT'S NOT EVEN SOME-THING WORTH CRYING OVER!
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?!

sni-ffle
About Luce-
Ex-
Excuse me, sorry, um...
The mock Holy Maiden
san
Why am I crying...?
I'm really...
geh...

ONLY BE A BOTHER TO THEM
THIS IS BAD...
ACTING LIKE THIS WILL
STOP IT STOP IT STOP IT STOP IT!
AAH... I'M PROBABLY JUST EM-BARRASSED
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SULKING
IT'S NOT THAT I WAS DOWNCAST
MIYA-SAMA, YOU'RE SO CUTE
HIS EYES ARE SAYING, "ISN'T SHE REACTING DIFFERENTLY THAN USUAL?!"
NO ONE'S COMING TO SAVE ME
DECIDING TO SULK ALL ON MY OWN
AND NOW I'M RELIEVED OR SOMETHING; THAT'S NOT WHY I'M CRYING AT ALL

BE QUIET, PLEASE
THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW YOUR SITUATION WAS ME
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M THE ONE WHO HID EVERYTHING
OF COURSE THEY WOULDN'T KNOW I NEEDED HELP IF I DIDN'T TELL THEM
IT'S REALLY ALL MY OWN FAULT
BUT DEEP IN MY HEART I WAS BLAMING SOMEONE ELSE
I WAS EVEN LYING TO MYSELF THAT I WASN'T SULKING
YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW
MASTER WAS DOING EVERYTHING JUST LIKE ALWAYS, BUT I WAS...
PAT
...DON'T CRY
PAT, PAT

I'M SORRY I TOOK SO LONG
MIVA-SAMA IS SO CUUUUUTE!
I'M NOT GOOD WITH THINGS LIKE THIS!
PANIC
I'M NOT CRYING BECAUSE I WAS SCARED
BUT THAT'S NOT IT
BAM
WHAT A NICE GUY!
SHOCK
YOU PROBABLY THOUGHT THAT NO ONE WOULD COME FOR YOU, DIDN'T YOU?
GRAB
I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DIDN'T UNDERRRATE MIVA-SAMA LIKE THAT!
AND DO I LOOK THAT HEARTLESS?
IT'S TRUE I THOUGHT YOU WERE KIND OF STUPID, BUT...
IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE YOU SO MUCH THAT I'D LEAVE YOU IN THIS TERRIBLE SITUATION, YOU KNOW

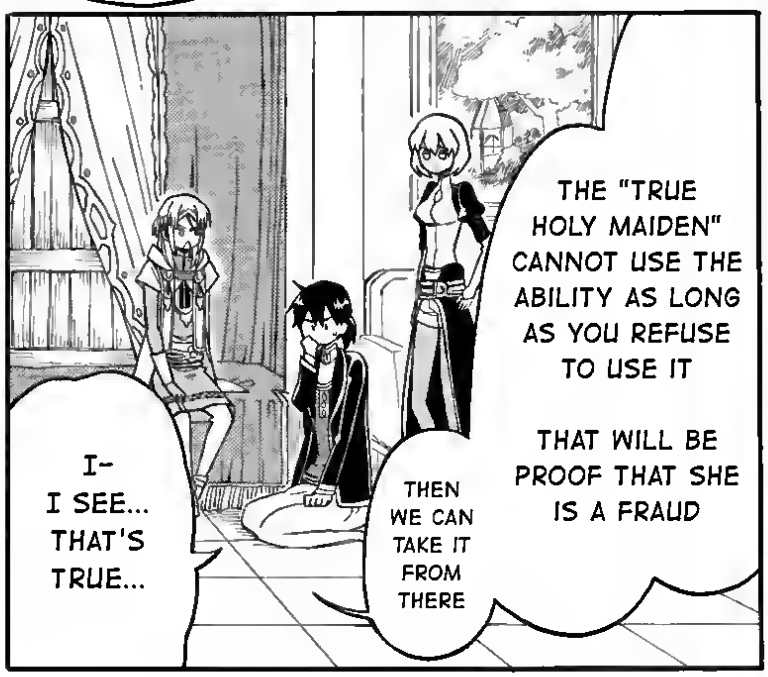
...LEARY-SAN...
SO, NO NEED TO CRY ANY-MORE, OK?
THAT'S WHY WE CAME TO SAVE YOU
YOU'RE A GIRL, AND GIRLS SHOULD BE PROTECTED
NO MATTER HOW SULLEN AND UNATTRACTIVE YOU ARE
YOU'RE A GIRL, YOU KNOW
SUPER SOFT...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HUGGED A PERSON WITH SUCH A LARGE CHEST, SO...
HOW MUCH CAN ONE PUSH AND SQUASH AGAINST YOU BEFORE IT BECOMES RUDE...?
DEAD SERIOUS
HM? WHAT IS IT?
WOBBLE
UM... I KNOW THIS PROBABLY ISN'T THE BEST TIME TO BE ASKING THIS, BUT...

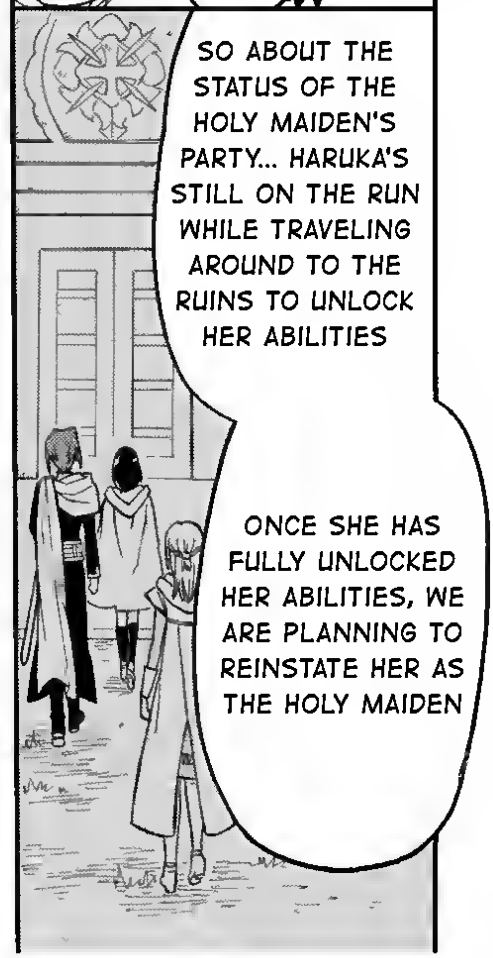
PLEASE STAND BY

SMACK!

OW!

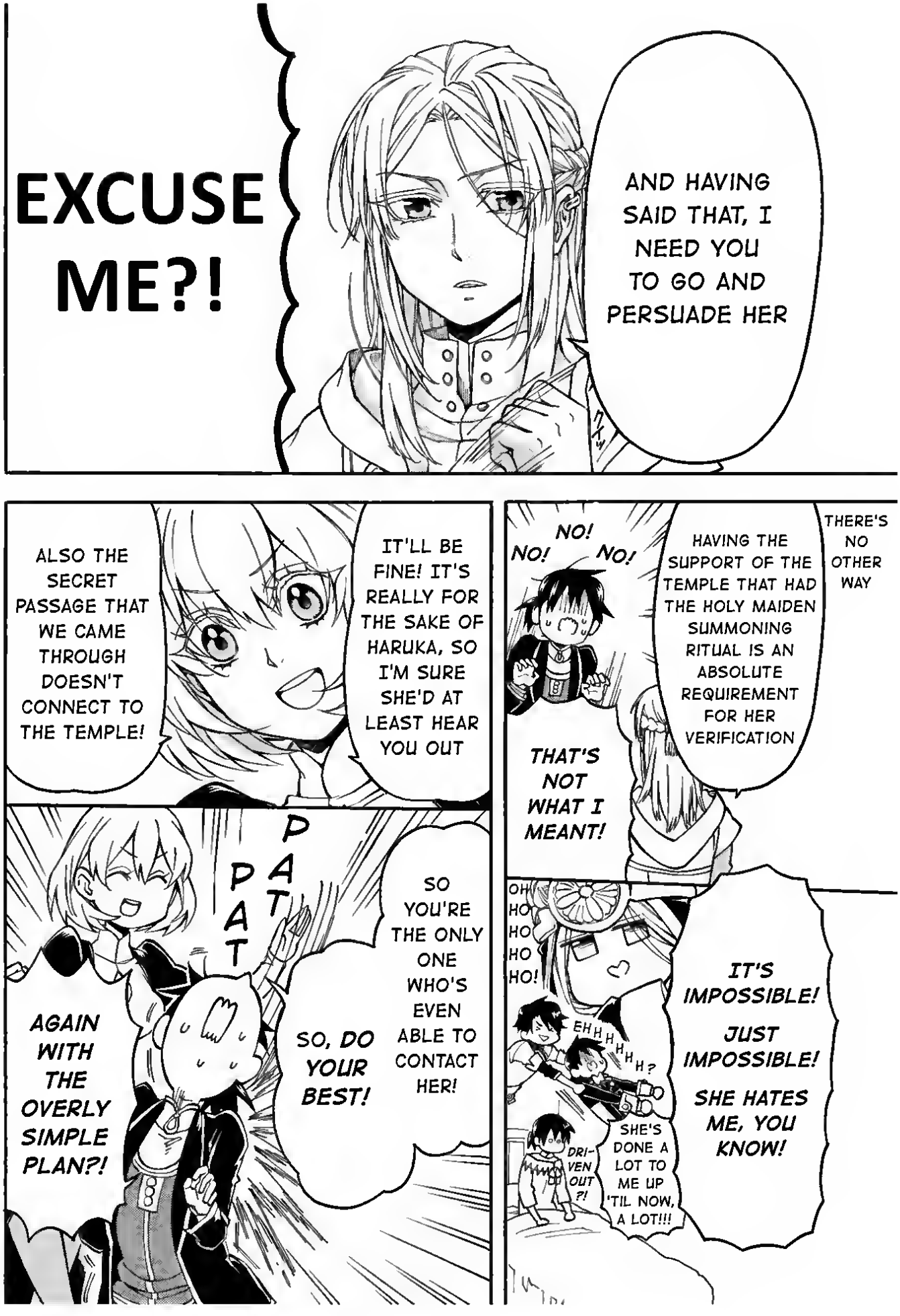
THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REAL ONE AND THE FAKE ONE IS WHETHER THEY TRULY HOLD THE POWER OR NOT
REINSTATE... HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?


I-
I SEE... THAT'S TRUE...
THEN WE CAN TAKE IT FROM THERE
THE "TRUE HOLY MAIDEN" CANNOT USE THE ABILITY AS LONG AS YOU REFUSE TO USE IT
THAT WILL BE PROOF THAT SHE IS A FRAUD


SO ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE HOLY MAIDEN'S PARTY... HARUKA'S STILL ON THE RUN WHILE TRAVELING AROUND TO THE RUINS TO UNLOCK HER ABILITIES
ONCE SHE HAS FULLY UNLOCKED HER ABILITIES, WE ARE PLANNING TO REINSTATE HER AS THE HOLY MAIDEN

BUT THAT'S... AGAINST ME, RIGHT?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT
OBDIMA-SAN...
WHAT A WAY TO TREAT HIM
WE'VE GOT A PLAN, SO WE'LL BE KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. WE JUST NEED AN ENEMY THERE TO DEFEAT
ACTUALLY, HE'S BEEN MAKING MOVES... HE SHOULD BE COMING TO START A WAR IN THE NEAR FUTURE
AND SO, WE WOULD NEED THE PROPER STAGE TO MAKE THAT FACT KNOWN...
AND THAT'S WHERE WE WILL MAKE USE OF OBDIMA
AH!
I FORGOT ABOUT HIM!
BUT THE PRESENT STATE OF HARUKA'S ABILITY IS GIVING US TROUBLE WITH THAT
SHE CAN DEFINITELY PRODUCE MORE TYPES OF WEAPONS AFTER UNLOCKING MORE OF HER ABILITY
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE QUALITY OF THE WEAPONS IS LIMITED TO THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR COMMON SENSE
ONLY YOUR CON-STRUCTS HAVE GONE BEYOND THAT
THEY CAN SLICE REALLY WELL, OR WILL NEVER BREAK. THAT KIND OF STUFF
AND SO, FOR THE PERFORMANCE, WE WANT THE FIREPOWER OF THE SWORD OF EGIN, REVEL
REALLY, IT JUST HAS TO BE A FLASHY ONE
ONE THAT GOES ZAP AND SPARKLE AND BOOM!

IF YOU'RE WEAK, JUST DEVELOP IMPROVED METHODS
WHAT?!
THAT'S WHY I'M RESEARCHING THE HOLY MAIDEN: BECAUSE I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT
OH
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT OUR COUNTRY DOESN'T HAVE A SYSTEM OF USING MAGIC FOR ATTACKING. IT CAN PROVIDE A BIT OF SUPPORT, BUT THAT'S ALL
?
BUT SINCE MAGIC EXISTS IN THIS WORLD, I THOUGHT THERE WERE THINGS LIKE "FIRE ATTACKS" AND STUFF...
WHO IS IT?
THERE'S A PERSON I REALLY WANT TO HAVE AS OUR ALLY
I... I SEE, UNDER-STOOD...
SO BASICALLY I HAVE TO PLAY THE DOUBLE AGAIN AND BLUFF OUR WAY THROUGH, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON YOU. WE NEED YOU TO MAKE AN IMPACT BIG ENOUGH TO TURN THE TIDE OF THE BATTLE AND BRING IT TO HARUKA'S SIDE
THE HEAD OF THE TEMPLE, KUSHA-DONO
gah!
Ulp...
THERE'S ALSO ONE MORE THING... THE CAPTAIN OF THE KNIGHTS IS PLANNING TO BRING A NUMBER OF SOLDIERS, AS WELL AS SOME OTHERS, TO THIS PLACE, BUT...


EXCUSE ME?!
AND HAVING SAID THAT, I NEED YOU TO GO AND PERSUADE HER
ALSO THE SECRET PASSAGE THAT WE CAME THROUGH DOESN'T CONNECT TO THE TEMPLE!
IT'LL BE FINE! IT'S REALLY FOR THE SAKE OF HARUKA, SO I'M SURE SHE'D AT LEAST HEAR YOU OUT
NO! NO! NO!
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
HAVING THE SUPPORT OF THE TEMPLE THAT HAD THE HOLY MAIDEN SUMMONING RITUAL IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR HER VERIFICATION
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
PAT PAT PAT
AGAIN WITH THE OVERLY SIMPLE PLAN?!
SO, DO YOUR BEST!
SO YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S EVEN ABLE TO CONTACT HER!
OH HO HO HO HO!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
JUST IMPOSSIBLE!
SHE HATES ME, YOU KNOW!
EHHHHHH?
DRI-VEN OUT?!
SHE'S DONE A LOT TO ME UP 'TIL NOW, A LOT!!!

WHILE YOU MAKE CONTACT, WE'LL SUPPORT YOU BY MAKING SURE THAT THE PRINCE STAYS AWAY
I DON'T MIND, BUT I MIGHT AS WELL RETORT
HEY, THIS TASK IS MAINLY FOR THE SAKE OF TENDOU-SAN, ISN'T IT?
OF COURSE. WE CAN'T FOCUS ON YOU THE WHOLE TIME; THAT'S THE KIND OF SITUATION WE'RE IN
BUT IF YOU HELP WITH THIS, YOU'LL BE HELPING YOURSELF AS WELL
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE A PRINCESS OR ANY-THING
WE'RE A TEAM
DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
HAVING THEM COME TO SAVE ME, HAVING A STRATEGY MEETING, BEING GIVEN A ROLE AND TASK...
IT KINDA FEELS LIKE...
NO
FROM NPC TO MINOR CHARACTER...
EH HE HE
I'LL DO MY BEST!
THE ONLY OTHER PROBLEM IS THAT MOCK MAIDEN, AKA THE "TRUE HOLY MAIDEN," WHO IS ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE. IT'LL BE THE THIRD TIME, BUT SHE-

SLIIIDE
CLICK
SLAM
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A PRETTY FUN TALK OVER HERE
BUT AREN'T YOU BEING A *LITTLE* TOO CARELESS?
YOU CALLED?
Sparkle
ALL THE SOLDIERS LEFT
BUT I'M STILL HERE!

THIS TIME WE HAVE A GUEST POST FROM BLACK-AGEHA! --o

*SHE'S ALREADY HARD AT WORK ON THE NEXT CHAPTER!

HELLO!,
I'M BLACK-AGEHA!, I'M HAPPY TO ACCOMPANY YOU ALL IN THIS MANGA, WE'RE REACHING THE END, HOPE I HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB SO FAR, AND ALL OF YOU WERE COMFORTABLE WHILE READING, THERE IS ONLY ONE CHAPTER* LEFT, SO GANBATTE!!.

REHOSTING POLICY: I DON'T CARE ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT SO FEEL FREE TO RESIZE THIS OR PUT IT ANYWHERE. THE ORIGINAL IS ON BATOTO. JUST DON'T REMOVE THIS PAGE OR CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN WORK. THANKS!

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